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ALAS, SO LONG!
A bit ago, we were young so long,
It seemed that youth would never go,
For skins and stress were ever so long.
And the days and years we never had.
In the days we never again shall have.
Alas, so long, so long!
A bit ago, we were young and together,
Young and gay, and years have never a gone,
And, oh! have they still the art.
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D. G. Estell.

LADY RODNEY'S PLAY.

"I wish you wouldn't, Dorothy."
"Wouldn't what?"
"You know very well."
"Well, if I must be more explicit, I wish you would not act with that—Pomsonby. The way he stares at you, and fixes you with his eyes, is enough to make a man forget his manners."

"My dear Cyril, you can't be serious. I have never heard her so unreasonable before."

"Unreasonable! My dear girl! Considering we are to be married so soon, and all that, I really thought you would not object to a little advice from me."

"Of course not. If I like it, I shall always follow it, you know that."

"But, Dorothy, it can't be a pleasure to go through rehearsals with that horrid Pomsonby."

"Well, you see, I am bound to act now. It is the 16th, and the rehearsals come off on the 19th—only three days; and how could Lady Rodney provide a substitute in that time? And besides, I should like to."

"Oh, what you! That, of course, settles the question."

"Why, Cyril!" exclaimed Miss Bohun, "I do believe you are jealous!"

"I am. It does not make a man particularly cheerful to know that the woman he loves is to be the object of another man's adoration for even an hour."

"But, my dear Cyril, it is only a farce."

"But, my dear Dorothy, I see no reason why it might not terminate in a tragedy."

Miss Bohun laughs.

"Even that she says, 'would be better than nothing.' This place has grown so dull since the Stewarts left, and those men at Coote Hall."

"Look at me, Cyril, how I am up," says Miss Disney, leaning over his chair, and bending his head until his face is very near to hers. "For my sake."

"Well, if you can bring me some fever, I'll take it; but I don't see where you'll get it, there's nothing of the sort in our parish, and I'm convinced that nothing less could save me from this thing."

"Then you are quite determined not to give it up?" says Disney, coldly drawing him to his chair.

"I never was so determined in my life," says Miss Bohun, with some just indignation. "I am remarkable for never saying 'no' to anybody. You, yourself, have frequently told me I had the sweetest nature in the world, and it is quite too late to tell Lady Rodney's arrangement now."

"No doubt you are right, you always are. I'm sorry I can't be present on the 19th, but it is impossible, as I shall have business that will detain me about the house."

"Very pressing business?"

"Yes, very pressing business."

"Ah!" says Miss Bohun.

When Disney has been absent two days, his thoughts undergo a decided change.

To have left Dorothy in the manner he had, seems to him how to have been not only an unmanly, but a most unmanly action.

"There is only one way out of it. He will write to her, and humbly apologize for his conduct, and humbly apologize

for the night passes nearly enough, and the morning brings him no relief. He is still indescribably miserable, and sinks into the belief that there is no balm in Gilead for his uneasy spirit.

The days pass, and he becomes more and more desperate, and finally decides that to-morrow, come what may, he will—maniacally speaking—thrust himself at her feet, and implore forgiveness.

How slowly the train seems to move, and how intolerable seems the delay at each station. At last, on the morning of the 19th, he turns on his way to Buxton. One half-hour more, and he is fulfilling the grand demands for the shattered remains of his mutilated ticket, and avows to the fact that he has actually arrived at his destination.

Both are a distinct failure. Everybody tries to applaud, but disparaging remarks fall lightly on the air.

The curtain again brings to life two highly veteran actors who for some time past have given themselves gratis to the open arms of Morphewus, and have contentedly reclined therein.

"I think Miss Rodney has a better chance of getting the girl than the girl in green," sighs Mrs. Falkerin.

"Don't you?" replies Number Two. "Well, I'm not much of a judge about that sort of thing; but my opinion is neither good nor bad, before the other has seen my dear fellow when women are born with talents for acting like those two—tyros, they don't get easily settled in life."

Then the curtain draws up for the second time and something more slowly than before, and somebody who sets off the curtain's swiftness thrills.

It is Dorothy. She is very pale, and her eyes are a little languid; but she is just a degree lovelier than she ever was before.

Disney hardly hears the play, the play is too terrible to make him sit still; and the curtain drops so, I may almost say, does Disney. How bitterly he now repents his impulsive jealousy. When she has hidden him in the conservatory, he is justly remorseful, and with keener reproof, on Disney, who returns her gaze, his eyes full of contrition.

Then the scene changes, and Miss Bohun makes her exit, amid applauses loud and deep.

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POPULAR SCIENCE.

It is said that goats are not affected by nicotine.

A SOLUTION of chloride of calcium will not boil under 350°.

The cranium of man is to the cranium in woman as 100 to 86.7.

The temperature of the sun is estimated to be 9,965° Centigrade.

SAPLINGS of the Australian eucalyptus grow to the height of fifty feet in ten years.

On starch, grape sugar and cane sugar gastric juice has no perceptible effect.

ORNITHOLOGISTS differ entirely on the question as to whether parrots require water.

The elder Pliny states that the number of stars visible to the naked eye in his time was 1,600.

It is said that Paterson, N. J., silk weavers have invented a process of making imitation of seal skin.

Or 1,000 ounces of healthy human blood, 75.15 pounds consist of water and 318.5 ounces of solid matter.

Resinous trees, like the pine, transpire more water as other trees, and when they are exposed to moist air, absorb more water.

SEEDS of the Victoria Regia had to be transmitted from America to England in water, before the first plant was raised that came to perfection.

PARAFIN dissolved in naptha is used to melt silk and other fabrics, and it is said that most delicate hues of material thus prepared will not be injured by ice cream or any foreign substance.

A BOTANICAL work on the flora Scandina, Greenland and Iceland, is being published at the expense of the King of Denmark. The seventh volume, to be issued in a year, will complete the series.

The amount of heat radiated from the sun is so great that if the earth were a mass of coal and could be supplied by contract to the solar furnace men, the supply would last them just thirty-six thousand years.

There was one time exhibited by Mr. Holt, an English merchant, a thread 20,000 feet long spun by a single silk spider in less than two hours, and which was five times as fine as the thread of the silk worm.

Some Rolling Stones.

Some rolling stones gather more, James Harris tried his hand at many things in various parts and one day took it at home to plant a few orange trees at his Elbridge. He now owns 75,000 of the trees and has an animal income from them of \$30,000.

Henry Meyers worked hard for many years at Bodie, California, but gathered no moss to speak of. In 1880 he cut his tether and began to roam around the world. He tried farming in Idaho last summer, but was not successful. On Wednesday, two weeks ago, he struck a quartz ledge of fine gold in Shasta County, California, and now has a mine.

Charles Nevall's mind always can open a farming, but neither on the Atlantic coast nor in the Mississippi Valley could he do anything for himself. After rolling around the country for several years he reached the Pleasant Valley, Washington Territory, with fifteen horses and eight dollars in money. His ranch of 7,000 fertile acres now brings him in the gold by the handful.

Sailor Face. Flood started out in his youth with a partner making a great deal of money. In spite of the adage often repeated by his mother, to wit: "A rolling stone gathers no moss," Flood roamed sea and land for many years on this continent and then on the other, or was a grifter up to his欺诈. A month or so ago Flood "struck it rich" near Colma, California, and now owns "The Sailor Jack," a quartz ledge of alleged rich gold.

Josiah T. Walls, colored, tried farming, fishing and politics. His only success was during the reconstruction period, when he secured a seat in Congress. When the Democrats regained the ascendancy, Walls sought in various ways to make a living. A few years ago he struck the cucumber idea and began to raise that vegetable in Alachua County, Florida. Now he is well-to-do, shipping 400 crates of cucumbers and tomatoes a day during the early summer.

Where the Tax Falls.

The *Farmer's Journal* directs attention to a significant fact, that seems to have been overlooked, that is, in connection with the tax on spirits, is a beverage, and is at best but a luxury, pays but about one-half the tax per gallon that is paid by alcohol, which enters into the arts and manufactures, and is a chemist, agent of the revenue. The explanation is that whisky is only about one-half the strength or proof of alcohol.

It seems to think that a high tax tends to encourage the use of spirits as a beverage. This view, however, is not seem to be sustained by the facts on the statistics of the Revenue Department. Before the tax was put upon spirits fully 33 per cent. of all that was made was used in arts and manufacturing. Now nearly all that is made is used to be consumed as a beverage. Before the days of the tax alcohol was extensively used in preparing drugs for calico, carmine, etc., largely used by furniture manufacturers, varnish makers, hatters, druggists and many other industries. Now wherever it is possible substitutes are employed, such as wod, spirits and fuel oil, which have an olive oil, which are rank persons.

It is estimated by those who are competent to judge that if the tax should be reduced to 50 cents per gallon that at least 16,000,000 gallons of alcohol would be used in the above industries. This would result in a loss for over 4,000,000 bushels of grain, while it is further claimed that the Government would suffer no loss of revenue.

Bill Ape on Poetry.

I feel the poetic inspiration will all ebb, but somehow my rhymes have to be powerfully strained. This I suppose is the fault of our language, though possibly it may be mine, for there are a power of folks who swell up and gush, but are not able to make a rhyme.

"That's just what I say," "I can't do it." He may sound a little lame, and gassy by contrast with the corposeness of the habit," said a physician as a reporter, in alluding to the growing use of arsenic among ladies. "There are a great many red on the cheeks, don't be deterred." Poetry and Nature, is responsible for the bloom, and she added that her husband had threatened to file a bill to procure one from her.

"Are you mild-tempered?" asked the general.

"Mind as glass," said replied.

"Have you ever clubbed him, thrown

teapots—waved the butcher-knife—

lashed the arround or made threats?"

"Never."

"Have you cold feet?"

"No."

"Do you drink or swear?"

"Neither one."

"Do you try to make home happy?"

"I do."

"Want to look him?"

"Not at all."

"Are you choice of your company and economical with his money?"

"I am."

"Do you ever maliciously annoy him?"

"I never did."

"Did you ever talk against him to the neighbors?"

"Never."

"Well, while I am not a lawyer, and therefore not posted, I don't see how

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Local Items.

Democratic Convention.

The Democracy of Fulton county are respectfully requested to meet in Mass convention at the Court House, in the town of Hickman, on Saturday, June 24, 1882 for the purpose of appointing delegates to a Superior Court Convention, called to meet at Hopkinsville on June 29th and to consider such other justice as may be brought before it.

Respect, H. A. Tyler, Chairman.

"Bubble" parties are now the order of the day with young people.

Misses Metta Gardner and Bettie Sallies, of Union City, visited Hickman, several days this past week.

Mr. John Andy Wilson and family, who have been in Florida the past winter, returned to Hickman, Monday.

The Mississippi River appropriation bill has now passed both Houses of Congress.

Mr. G. C. Turner, of the Lacled, after several weeks stay at Hot Springs, reached home Monday last.

H. A. Tyler, President Hickman & M. Company, left Monday, for a trip to Texas.

Mrs. Isa Adams, of Tiptonville, was here on a visit last week, visiting her brother, Mr. Mc Adams.

Mr. Gen. Campbell and children, of Jackson, Tenn., have been visiting the family of Mr. Fr. Holloman, Troy avenue.

Mr. C. B. Kingman leaves tonight for a several months visit to relatives in Darmouth, Iowa.

Mr. Ed. Silvertooth and wife, of Union City, were visiting Mrs. Addie Jones family this week.

Charie Person, an old Hickman boy, now in business at New Madrid, has been visiting his old friends here this week.

Mrs. Mary Lawson, daughter of Mr. Wm. Lawson, who has been attending the Normal College, Winchester, Tenn., returned home, Tuesday.

We carry no auction or shoddy goods.

PLAUT BRO'S & CO.

The high price of bacon, lard, and all kind of staples is discouraging to the workingman, and a terror to young folks contemplating marriage.

Trade in mercantile circles has improved somewhat this week. The wheat has commenced coming in, and the farmers are realizing some cash.

Mrs. Mary Gholson, accompanied by her brother Mr. John Gholson, is visiting the family of her father, J. W. Powell.

John Koss, one of the best bootmakers in West Kentucky, has opened a shop on Clinton street. Give him a trial.

Don't forget the convention at this place to-morrow, to nominate delegates to the District convention at Hopkinsville, to choose a Democratic candidate for Superior Judge.

Light Weight.

I do not sell three light weight loaves for a dime, but I guarantee to sell you just weight bread for 60 cents. Besides you will never be insulted or mistreated in my place.

WM. GEYER.

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The Tylers were made of very good material, but were up badly, as they had very little practice, and their players being drilled in their positions.

With a month of hard practice the Blues were up to the Stars down to a very close score, with many chances of beating them. The Stars, however, may go to work, practice, work hard, and in your next game cover yourself with glory.

DIAMOND DUST.

Never say "I am not fit for the Tylers."

It took the Stars some time to "get on to" Wilson's slow balls, but when they did well we smile.

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On Saturday evening, May 26th, I reward them. A prize was offered to the colored children for obtaining the largest contributions. The last was awarded to Willie Washington, 2nd grade, Clinton School, Sevier, Tennessee, Washington. The Missionary Baptist Sunday School of Hickman is in a prosperous condition under the auspices of C. C. Clemens, as its pastor. He knows how to manage a Sunday school.

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Resct. H. A. Tyler, Chairman.

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AT THE JAIL.

Yesterday being the day set for the sale, a Commercial reporter visited Harrison's jail early in the morning. He was found in his cell, sitting in the top of the top of his cell, absent in deep thought, evidently pondering upon what his master would be. He was dressed in a large, tattered shirt, jeans pants, and a discolored cap. His hair was wild, his crown knocked out, covered his bushy head.

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Before the sale.

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